

Leader of Chinese advance party at the UN identified as an intelligence agent

Washington, Nov. 10.—The head of the advance party for Peking's delegation to the United Nations has been identified as a leading Chinese intelligence agent.

United States officials expressed surprise and concern that Mr Kao Liang was selected for the delicate assignment of laying the ground work for Peking's first diplomatic mission in the United States.

Mr Kao led the party of six Chinese who arrived in New York on Monday and paid his first visit to the United Nations yesterday with two colleagues. He is making preliminary arrangements for the official delegation that left Peking yesterday and is due in New York tomorrow.

The United States, the Soviet Union and other major powers have long used diplomatic cover for their intelligence agents. Last month, for example, the Central Intelligence Agency leaked the accusation that Mr Vladimir Pavlichenko, director of external information of the United Nations public information office, is a "veteran officer" of the KGB, the Soviet intelligence agency.

United States intelligence maintains a thick file on Mr Kao. He is accused of conducting extensive intelligence operations in Asia, Europe and Africa

while ostensibly serving as a journalist for the New China news agency.

He was expelled from India in 1960 and from Mauritius in 1964. He has also been active in Nepal and Switzerland, where he attended the 1961 Geneva conference on Laos.

His principal assignment prior to the United Nations was as chief African correspondent for the news agency. Taking up residence in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania, in 1961, Mr Kao travelled regularly throughout Africa at the high point of Peking's operations on the continent.

He was said to have lived lavishly, maintaining a large house and car and entertaining beyond the means of even the highest-paid European and American journalists.

Mr Kao was also said to have been the prime mover in the pro-Peking coup in Zanzibar in 1964, passing out money and arms to the insurgents, including Shaikh Abdul Rahman Muhammad (Shaikh Babu), a former New China news agency correspon-

dent who emerged as Foreign Minister.

Since its inception, the news agency, like the Soviet agency Tass, has been considered by United States intelligence to be an occasional front for espionage activities, particularly in countries where Peking has no formal diplomatic relations.

Chiao Kuan-hua, Deputy Foreign Minister and head of the official delegation to the United Nations, started as a New China news agency correspondent in Hongkong before moving on to the diplomatic corps.—Chicago Sun-Times.

Patrick Brogan writes from Paris: The Chinese delegation to the United Nations arrived here this morning on their way to New York. They were spending tonight in the embassy in Paris and will set out again tomorrow. They were met by Mr Huang Hua, former Chinese ambassador in Ottawa, who had flown in from Montreal earlier this morning. He is to be China's permanent representative to the United Nations and will occupy her seat on the Security Council.